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AVI BIOPHARMA INC Form 8-K January 27, 2004

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): January 26, 2004

AVI BioPharma, Inc.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Oregon

(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)

0-22613

(Commission File Number)

93-0797222

(IRS Employer Identification Number)

One S.W. Columbia, Suite 1105 Portland, OR 97258

(Address of principal executive offices)

(503) 227-0554

Registrant s telephone number, including area code

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Item 5. Other Events and Regulation FD Disclosure.

The information set forth below pursuant to Item 12 shall also be deemed filed pursuant to Item 5.

Item 7. Financial Statements, Pro Forma Financial Information and Exhibits.

Exhibit Number Description

99.1

Press Release dated January 26, 2004 announced the presentation of test study results demonstrating the therapeutic manipulation of the immune system using AVI s NeuGene antisense compounds at the Midwinter Conference of Immunologists.

Item 12. Results of Operations and Financial Condition.

Company issued a press release on January 26, 2004, before the opening of trading in its Common Stock on the Nasdaq National Market System. A copy of the press release is filed herewith as Exhibit 99.1 and is incorporated herein by reference.

The Press Release dated January 26, 2004 announced the presentation of test study results demonstrating the therapeutic manipulation of the immune system using AVI s NeuGen® antisense compounds at the Midwinter Conference of Immunologists.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized, in the City of Portland, State of Oregon, on January 27, 2004.

AVI BioPharma, Inc.

By: /s/ ALAN P.TIMMINS

Alan P. Timmins

President and Chief Operating Officer

(Principal Operating Officer)